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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of June 4 thru June 10, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 763 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

VEHICLE FIRE - On June 3 at 5:18 a.m. on the 200 block of Charles Avenue fire crews were dispatched to a vehicle parked on the street fully engulfed in flames. The fire started in the engine compartment from some type of engine failure. Damage is estimated at \$1,300.

SMOKING - On June 4 at 9:58 a.m. on the 2100 block of Wilson fire companies were dispatched to a fire in an apartment. The resident, who is on oxygen, removed the nasal canula and was smoking, she either dropped the cigarette or a cherry dropped that ignited the oxygen hose which then ignited her bed and carpet. The fire was extinguished by maintenance personnel who used a fire extinguisher prior to the firefighter's arrival. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

ARSON – On June 4 at 4:04 p.m. on the 100 block of Winifred Street West fire companies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival they extinguished a fire in a two car detached garage. Some set some trash next to the garage on fire. An ARSON REWARD was posted. Damage is estimated at \$22,000.



- Rewards of up to \$2500 are available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist(s) by the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.
- The ARSON TIPLINE phone number is 1-800-723-2020. You can remain anonymous.

YOUTH FIRESETTING - On June 5 at 1:30 p.m. on the 1700 block of Summit Avenue fire companies were called to a report of alarms sounding in a Jr. High School. Upon arrival, firefighters were made aware by the school administrators that a student lit a match and threw it into a trash can, then her friend put it out with wet paper towels.

OVERHEATED TRANSFORMER - On June 5 at 7:42 p.m. on the 170 block of Kellogg Avenue West passersby called 9-1-1 to report that the sign mounted to the skyway over Kellogg Blvd was on fire. Firefighters arrived to find the sign on fire and extinguished it. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.





ARSON – On June 7 at 3:57 a.m. on the 700 block of 3rd Street East fire companies responded to a vehicle fire and explosion. Upon arrival they found a car fully involved on fire and extinguished it. Damage is estimated at \$2,300.



STABBING - On June 7 at 10:37 p.m. on the 1600 block of Western Avenue North a 56 year old man had been stabbed with a knife during a domestic. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

UNATTENDED COOKING - On June 7 at 11:44 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stillwater Avenue fire companies were called to a kitchen fire. Upon arrival they found food burning on the stove with some extension to the vent hood and cabinets. The resident had extinguished the fire prior to their arrival. The resident had heated oil, left the room, and returned to alarms sounding and smoke and flames. He extinguished the fire with a pot lid. Damage is estimated at \$1,000. There were no injuries.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On June 10 at 12:20 a.m. on Lawson Avenue West and Western Avenue North a 33 year old man had been shot. Paramedics quickly removed him from the area to expedite the safety of all and transported him to a nearby hospital.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On June 10 at 12:23 a.m. on Lawson Avenue West and Western Avenue North a 27 year old man had been shot and was found 2 blocks away in a parking lot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.